

2021-22 Annual Report CT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOARD OF CONTROL Submitted by Gregg Simon CIAC Associate Executive Director

The 2021-2022 school year was a tremendous success after the incredible difficulties of the previous year where the Covid-19 pandemic forced the CIAC to make many accommodations in the way education-based interscholastic athletics were conducted. Championships were conducted in all CIAC-sponsored sports for the first time in two years.

Fall/Winter/Spring Sports Plans

The CIAC Board of Control approved sports plans for each season which contained Covid-mitigating strategies. As vaccines became more prevalent, the plans became less stringent and allowed for "normal" competition.

Bus Shortages

Member schools dealt with severe bus shortages this year which mainly stemmed from a lack of drivers. Schools were creative in their attempts to overcome a lack of buses.

Championship Sites

CIAC staff members continued their effort to upgrade championship sites. The Boys/Girls Soccer State Championship games were moved to Dillon Stadium in Hartford; the Boys Ice Hockey State championships were held at Quinnipiac University in Hamden; and, the Boys/Girls Lacrosse State Championships were held at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield.

Name, Image and Likeness

Based upon an NCAA rule change, CIAC reviewed and made changes to its Amateur Athletic Guidelines to include language about a student-athlete's name, image and likeness.

Football-Six Divisions

The CIAC Board of Control approved a CHSCA proposal to increase the number of divisions in football from four (32 teams qualify) divisions to six (48 teams qualify) divisions for the 2022 CIAC Football State Championships.

June Scholastic Event

The CIAC and the CHSCA will team up in late June to host for the first time a June Scholastic event at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven. June scholastic events are men's basketball events certified/approved by an NCAA-designated entity in accordance with NCAA bylaws so that NCAA Division I men's basketball coaches may attend for the purpose of evaluating Connecticut student-athletes.